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In Reply Refer To:  
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FWS-2019-00363

Mr. Liam Knox  
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Dear Mr. Knox:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southwest Region received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 30, 2019, in which you seek the following:

- “- A copy of all files, memos, and communications concerning the humanitarian aid group No More Deaths.
- A copy of all communications between the agency and local law enforcement that mention No More Deaths.
- A copy of all communications from Cabeza Prieta Wildlife Refuge Manager Sidney Slone that include the words "No More Deaths" or the acronym "NMD."
- Any police citations that mention No More Deaths or the names of some of its members: Scott Warren, Natalie Renee Hoffman, Oona Meagan Holcomb, Madeline Abbe Huse, and Zaachila I. Orozco-McCormick.
- Any communications regarding changes made to the access-permit application for the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and the Barry M. Goldwater bombing grounds in 2017, including language that prohibits leaving food and water on these federal lands."

Your FOIA request has been forwarded to the Southwest Region National Wildlife Refuge System for processing. Your request was assigned tracking number FWS-2019-00363 and placed in the "complex" processing track. Please cite this number in any future communications

with our office regarding your request. We will contact you if we need any additional information regarding clarification of the request.

For your information, we use multitrack processing to process FOIA requests. The “simple” track is for requests that can be processed in one to five workdays. The “normal” track is for requests that can be processed in 6 to 20 workdays. The “complex” track is for requests that can be processed in 21 to 60 workdays. The “exceptional/voluminous” track is for requests requiring more than 60 workdays for processing. The “expedited” track is for requests that have been granted expedited processing. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis. You may narrow the scope of your request to obtain quicker processing in your currently-assigned track or move the request into a faster track.

For fee tracking purposes, your request has been placed in the “news media” category. In this category, you are entitled to the first 100 pages of photocopies (or equivalent volume) free of charge (43 C.F.R. § 2.39). If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected (43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g)). If we find that this will not cover the cost of processing your request after your fee category entitlements, we will let you know before we incur additional charges. You can then either agree to pay the additional amount needed or narrow the scope of your request.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Government Information Specialist, David Tischer at 505-248-6658 or by email at [fw2foia@fws.gov](mailto:fw2foia@fws.gov).

Sincerely,

Melanie Ruiz  
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